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ORIGINAL INCIDENT REPORT

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		TELEPHONE NO.	
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HOMICIDE- ASSIST HOUGHTON PD (#15-002978)

INFORMATION:

On 1/8/16, I met with Chief John Donnelly (Houghton Police Department) regarding a Homicide his department is investigating. Following a review of their investigation to date, State Police resources were requested to assist them with this investigation.

Following Chief Donnelly's request, I made contact with D/F/Lt. Robert Pernaski (MSP- 8th District Headquarters) and received approval for requesting the assignment of two additional investigators. D/Sgt. Russell Larson (MSP- Wakefield Post) and D/Sgt. Christopher Bracket (MSP- Iron Mountain Post) were contacted and their assistance.

An incident briefing with Chief Donnelly and Officer Nate Kinnunen (Houghton PD) was scheduled for 9am on 1/12/16 at the Houghton Police Department.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS/ BRIEFING:

This incident involves the death of Janel Sturzl by thallium poisoning. While employed at the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton, Sturzl married in June 2015 after having a relationship of several years. Sometime around October 2015, she begins seeing a physician for some physical ailments. In the beginning of November 2015, she was hospitalized at U.P. Health System- Hancock, transported to U.P. Health System- Marquette, then later transported to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. While in coma at the Mayo Clinic, she was diagnosed with thallium poisoning; a substance banned in the United States in the 1970's and an ingredient formerly used in rat poison until sometime in the 1950's. Sturzl died of thallium poisoning on 12/22/15 while at the Mayo Clinic. Sgt. Steve Thompson (Rochester PD- MN) attended Sturzl's autopsy.

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On 1/12/16, briefings were held the Houghton Police Department and attended by Chief Donnelly, Officer Kinnunen, D/Sgt. Bracket, D/Sgt. Larson, and myself. Investigative follow up was assigned to investigators. The Houghton Police department will continue to document their findings in their incident report (#15-002978). State Police findings, including D/Sgts. Bracket and Larson, will be documented in this incident report.

VENUE:

HOUGHTON COUNTY
, HOUGHTON
616 SHELDON AVE

DATE & TIME:

FRI, JAN 08, 2016

COMPLAINANT:

NAM: CHIEF JOHN DONNELLY
P.O. Box/Building: HOUGHTON P.D.

RAC:

ETH:

NBR: 616 DIR:
STR: SHELDON

SEX:
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SFX: AVENUE
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VICTIM/ DECEASED:

NAM: JANEL RENEE STURZL

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01-13-16	Sgt. Revoyr	I.R. Pends further investigation.
02/01/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Pends further on-going assistance.

FACEBOOK ACCOUNT/ JANEL STURZL:

A search of Janel Sturzl's FaceBook account was made on 1/14/16. Of possible significance were and a "post" from Janel's account dated 10/21/15 which indicates she's "feeling sick" and the question, "Anyone know how to not vomit when taking Metamucil?"

**CONTACT ROCHESTER
P.D. (MN):**

On 1/14/16, I made contact with Investigator Travis Riggot of the Rochester (MN) Police Department (507-328-6898). He advised he attended the autopsy of Janel Sturzl and completed an incident report (#2015-00064294 copy obtained). He further advised Dr. Peter Lin of the Mayo Clinic performed the autopsy. Additionally, Christine Keeney, Assistant Supervisor of Death Investigations, Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office in Rochester, MN is also involved with the investigation. He identified her as the point of contact for further testing of autopsy collected specimens.

He also informed me Janel's body was cremated. Due to it being scheduled for cremation, numerous other specimens were collected

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by Dr. Lin during the autopsy; blood, urine, gastric, bile, liver, vitreous humor, hair, spleen, right kidney, brain, right inf. frontal brain, cerebellum, and heart.

AUTOPSY REPORT (PRELIMINARY):

On 1/14/16, I made contact with Laurie Hanf, Pathology Reporting Specialist at the Mayo Clinic Pathology Department (507-266-2189). At the request of the Southern MN Regional ME Office, she provided a preliminary copy of the autopsy. As of this time, the manner of death is "pending the law enforcement investigation and neuropathology." The preliminary Clinician's Report of Death is:

- 1) Cardiac arrest due to hypoxemic respiratory failure due to thallotoxicosis
- 2) Hypoxemic respiratory failure
- 3) Thallium toxicity

REQUEST/ OBTAIN MEDICAL RECORDS:

UP HEALTH SYSTEM- HANCOCK:

On 1/14/16, after obtaining signed consent from

I forwarded a request to UP Health System- Hancock for Janel's medical records. On 1/19/16, the request was fulfilled; records attached to this report.

UP HEALTH SYSTEM- MARQUETTE:

On 1/14/16, after obtaining signed consent from

I forwarded a request to UP Health System- Marquette for Janel's medical records. On 1/30/16 the records were received and attached to this report.

MAYO CLINIC- ROCHESTER, MN:

On 1/14/16, after obtaining signed

consent from , I forwarded a request to the Mayo Clinic for Janel's medical records. On 1/26/16 the records were received and attached to this report.

ASPIRUS KEWEENAW- HOUGHTON CLINIC:

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On 1/25/16, after reviewing the UP Health System- Hancock records, it was determined Aspirus Keweenaw- Houghton Clinic records may provide additional information relevant to this investigation. After again obtaining signed consent from :

I forwarded a request to Aspirus Keweenaw for Janel's medical records. On 1/27/16 the records were received and attached to this report.

CONTACT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY PUBLIC SAFETY:

On 1/19/16, I made contact with Lt. Kalib McGruder of the Western Illinois University Public Safety Department. I requested someone from his agency attempt to make contact with for the purpose of determining his relationship, if any, with

Chief Donnelly and Ofc. Kinnunen advised possessed some form of Achievement Certificate for chemistry from Furthermore, he was asked if ever attended WIU. McGruder was able to tell me, based on a database search,

has never been registered as a student at WIU or Spoon River College; an affiliate of WIU.

On 1/20/16, Lt. McGruder forwarded an email from Detective Zach Franklin of the WIU-PS he received regarding the requested follow up (attached). In summary, doesn't remember a student with a last name of but has in the past judged high school science fairs where he awarded individuals with certificates of achievement in a certain field such as chemistry.

CONTACT MSP CRIME LABS:

On 1/19/16, I made contact with personnel from the MSP- Marquette and Northville Crime Laboratories. After discussing this investigation and the types of examinations sought (thallium testing/ analysis), I was informed the MSP laboratories are not equipped to perform those types of examinations or analysis.

CONTACT W/

On 1/21/16, I made contact with in the hallway of the Houghton City Centre for the purpose of identifying the property submitted to the 8th District CCU by HPD for examination. was first explained that I had some questions regarding ownership of the computers/ property items seized by Houghton PD. He advised he would attempt to provide answers. Using the Houghton PD incident report #15-2978 pages 14-15, he provided the following information:

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Item # 9- Apple Computer, white in color: Janel's
Item #10-
Ahtek Xeon computer with see through side- Janel's
Item #11- HP Pavillion (found in attic?)
Item #12- Wing MA, thermaltake computer- from attic
Item #13- LG computer, black- he didn't know, it doesn't ring
a bell
Item #19- Hitachi hard drive- both Janel and use
Item #22- Antec computer in living room- Janel's
Item #23- Black Intel, ASU computer- he didn't know
Item #24- 5 black hard drives- he thought they were spares
Item #25-
Hard drive with cables-
Item #26- Server, connected to #25-
Items # 28 & 29- didn't know as they both have plastic bins

*He further described the computer from the blue desk on the 1st blue with the name "Lian-Li" as his dad's and didn't use it. He said the black and silver colored computers in the attic and desk were Janel's. He said none of the computers have any form of encryption, they each use their own computer(s) and have their own password to gain access.

When asked, he further advised there is no "deletion software" installed on any of his computers.

SUBMIT/ REVIEW PROPERTY- COMPUTER CRIMES UNIT:

On 1/21/16, I traveled to the MSP-
8th District CCU in Marquette for the purpose of submitting additional property (laptop) for the Houghton PD. Additionally, I reviewed/ prioritized, with D/Tpr. Nicole Hiserote and MDOC Agent Andrea Johnston, the previously submitted property for examination.

OBTAIN CELL PHONE RESULTS-

On 1/21/16, D/Tpr. Hiserote provided me with a disk containing the cell phone extractions (#CCU-3024-16) from Item #29, LG- (cell phone). This will be turned over to HPD- Ofc. Kinnunen.

CONTACT W.

On 1/25/16, I contacted at their residence for the purpose of obtaining written consent from them to obtain Janel's medical records from Aspirus Keweenaw. Afterward, we had some discussion regarding Janel's death. They advised Janel was very conscientious/ in-tune of what she consumed/ put in her body. They both informed me the only "natural or homeopathic" type of healing

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she's ever tried was acupuncture "years ago."

They said she's never mentioned ever taking any type of other homeopathic medication or remedies. He diet has never consisted of anything exotic. Furthermore, both said they had a strong relationship with her and she shared "everything" with them.

They said they were aware of her taking "St. John's Wort" and she was unsure about taking that. Both said she was not a "secretive" person. Both expressed concern for the investigation and would like to know how thallium was introduced to Janel's body.

suggested Torch Lake as a possible source.

CONTACT F.B.I. LAB- TOXICOLOGY:

On 1/26/16, I was able to make contact with F/S Madeline Montgomery, Toxicology Supervisor, of the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, VA (703-632-7425).

After discussing this investigation, she informed me the FBI Lab may be able to perform the requested examination/ analysis of hair samples taken from Janel Sturzl at the time of autopsy. She informed me she would notify me the samples could be shipped

to the FBI Lab directly from the Mayo Clinic. Additionally, as requested, formal written examination requests were drafted and provided to Montgomery and Christine Keeney in Minnesota.

CONTACT F.B.I. LAB- TRACE/ CHEMISTRY UNIT:

On 1/26/16, I was able to make contact with Dr. Jason Brewer, Chemist Forensic Examiner, of the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, VA (703-632-7827). After discussing this investigation, he informed me the FBI Lab could examine the property (household

items) Houghton PD previously submitted to the MSP- Marquette Lab for analysis. He informed me the property could be shipped to the FBI Lab directly from the Houghton PD. Additionally, as requested, formal written examination requests were drafted and provided to Dr. Brewer and Sgt. Daron Kari (to include with the property being shipped).

CONTACT MICHIGAN D.E.Q./ AMY KERANEN:

On 1/27/16, I contacted Amy Keranen of the Michigan DNR-DEQ in Calumet and inquired about any thallium

levels in Torch Lake. Keranen advised thallium has NOT been present in any testing performed by the DEQ or the EPA in Torch Lake. She was able to support her statements with analysis logs she has on file for previous tests.

**RECEIVE PROPERTY
FROM MSP LAB- TO HOUGHTON PD/ FBI:**

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On 2/8/16, I traveled to the MSP- Marquette Lab and obtained the property previously submitted for examinations by the Houghton PD. The property was transported back to HPD and turned over to Sgt. Daron Kari for shipping to the FBI Lab.

WRITTEN FBI EXAMINATION REQUESTS:

On 2/10/16, I submitted formal written examination requests to Dr. Brewer and F/S Montgomery of the FBI Lab. Copies were also provided to Christine Keeney, P.A.- Southern Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Office and Sgt. Kari.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

All documents obtained above will be turned directly over to the Houghton PD (Ofc. Kinnunen), along with a copy of this report.

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JOURNAL:

02/17/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Investigative Meeting at Houghton PD. Current CCU results/ cell phone provided. Additional follow-up assigned. Pends CCU, lab exams, follow-up.
02/22/16	Sgt. Revoyr	Supp 1 reviewed.
02/22/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact FBI Lab- request hair examination/ pends validation. Begin review of Aspirus Keweenaw medical records. Results to be included in Supp. Contacted CCU/ Hiserote- obtained currently known User Accounts for provided same to HoPD. Contact Mayo Clinic/ Dr. Loralie Langman regarding Prussian Blue antidote use information.
02/23/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Met with returned some of Janel Sturzl property for HoPD. Receipts provided to HoPD/ Kinnunen.
03/03/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Prussian Blue information received from Dr. Langman- nothing significant.
03/07/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Received copy of lab submission receipt from FBI Lab Evidence Control for property shipped by HoPD.
03/14/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact with Dr. Cynthia Morris-Kukoski (FBI Lab). She advised the hair specimens from Sturzl and can now be submitted. Mayo Clinic and HoPD

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		advised. Contact/ interview Heathcoat. Supp to come.
03/16/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Additional FBI Exam Request letter drafted/ provided to Sgt. Kari for inclusion with : specimens being submitted to FBI Lab.
03/17/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Additional FBI Exam Request letter drafted/ provided to Sgt. Kari on 3/16/16 for inclusion with : specimens being submitted to FBI Lab. Copy forwarded to Dr. Morris-Kukoski. Discussed with her, she is unable to examine blood/ urine however, Dr. Brewer may be able to perform exam. She further advised hair samples are better for long-term/ exposure testing. Her FBI Case number is #2016-00502.
03/18/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Dr. Brewer/ FBI- Chemistry Unit advised he received the property shipped by Houghton PD/ Sgt. Kari.
03/21/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Dr. Brewer contacted- request for possible examination of blood/ urine for thallium/ Prussian blue.
03/21/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Supp #2 completed/ submitted. Final Autopsy Report received from Mayo Clinic- pending review, further investigation. Status request for 2 computers sent to S/D/Tpr. Hiserote.
	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact from Dr. Brewer. He advised he does not perform testing of blood/ urine. That testing is performed by Dr. Morris-Kukoski and

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The hair examination is the examination needed.

REVIEW ASPIRUS KEWEENAW/ CLINIC RECORDS:

A review of Janel Sturzl's Aspirus Keweenaw medical records from 01/01/15 to 12/01/15 revealed the following visits/ physician notes:

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All medical records, including the above, were turned over to Houghton PD for inclusion in their report.

CONTACT / PROPERTY RETURN:

On 2/23/16 at 4:15pm, I contacted
in the Houghton City Centre/ Midwest Loan office area. The purpose was to return some of Janel's
non-evidential property for the Houghton PD (wallet, sweatshirt, etc). The property was returned and release
signature obtained.

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Additionally,
he asked when his computer (labelled Asus/ Intel, named Liam Li) could be returned. He said he needed it for tax filing purposes.

CONTACT EIGHTH DISTRICT CCU-MARQUETTE:

On 2/29/16, I provided S/D/Tpr. Nicole Hiserote with six (6) Search Warrants with Return and Tabulations authorizing the search/ examinations of the previously submitted property.

INTERVIEW

On 3/14/16 at 5:00pm, I interviewed [REDACTED] on a park bench inside the Houghton City Centre. Upon making contact with him, he declined my offer to talk privately inside my departmental vehicle directly outside and said the current venue was good. It should also be noted I contacted [REDACTED] earlier in the day and asked to meet with him briefly to talk with him and also provide him with a copy of the Return and Tabulation for his phone seizure by Houghton PD on 12/8/15. He agreed to meet me at 5pm inside the Houghton City Centre after he was finished with work. Due to the fact the interview was audio recorded, it will be summarized for this report. The interview was downloaded to disk (property item #1 below) and will be provided to the Houghton Police Department.

After providing him with the copy of the Return and Tabulation for his phone seizure on 12/8/15, I asked him about talking about this incident. He initially said he has talked with Houghton PD about everything he knows. I explained I wanted to obtain a little more information with hopes it may help with determining what exactly may have happened to Janel; did she harm herself, someone else harm her (including himself), or accidental. I mentioned that he may have some information that may assist with the investigation.

[REDACTED] said he is originally from [REDACTED] Janel from Minnesota. They met and began dating in 2009 until sometime around 2010/11; they broke up for about 6 months. They began dating again in 2010/2011 (after their 6 month separation), were then engaged to marry for 1 year, before then getting married (June 2015).

Sometime in 2014, she went for about 6 acupuncture visits (over 6 months). The only homeopathic/ natural remedies that he was aware of was St. John's Wort from By Nature in Houghton, however, she stopped taking it last summer (2015).

She did see a counselor in Hancock by Gino's Restaurant; he's unsure if she saw any other counselors.

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Her physical

ailments started around Halloween (2015) time; he brought her to the ER one time and a few days later her parents brought her twice, staying the last time.

Janel was staying/ living at her parent's residence due to her illness prior to them bringing her to the ER.

The first time he heard what was wrong with Janel was from the Mayo Clinic doctor's after they diagnosed her.

He had no idea what thallium was until told by the doctors.

His knowledge is limited to only what he read up on the internet after being told why Janel was ill.

He has no idea how she would have come into contact with thallium.

He's been employed at _____ since August 2015 and his income is enough to support the both of them.

She

was employed at the Daily Mining Gazette until she quit; her income was not sufficient to support both of them without any income from him.

He said they purchased their home before they were married; the mortgage is only in his name as he had better credit history.

She paid cash for her car, he had a credit card and longer credit history.

Janel talked with her manager; she said she couldn't go into work any longer due to health problems and was on paid leave.

He was aware Janel hated

Janel was on paid leave/ received income until Nov 15, then his insurance plan covered her.

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The award he received with

(a co-worker of his) was a team award for launching a web site/ not chemistry.

He said

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He said Janel went to the doctor's regularly, more frequently before she got really sick for physical ailments; not emotional.

The last time she went to a counselor, he was on the way home from work and she wouldn't talk a lot about it. She had irregular appointments, whenever she could afford them. She had a phone appointment at the end of October or beginning of November.

Money was not an issue.

He didn't have anything to do with Janel's death.

He would like to get his computer (Asus/ Intel with Liam Li) and her computer (Antec) back to file taxes. He said he has files on his computer from a home office/ work from home.

RECONTACT FBI LAB/ ADDITIONAL TESTING:

On 2/22/16, I recontacted FBI Lab-Toxicology Supervisor Madeline Montgomery and made an inquiry of testing specimens that were collected by the Houghton PD. I was informed the hair may be able to be tested and I would be notified when/ if the specimens should be submitted.

On 3/16/16, Dr. Cynthia Morris-Kukoski of the FBI Lab- Chemistry Unit notified me both Janel Sturzl's and hair specimens could now be submitted to the FBI lab for examination and analysis. Houghton PD was notified, an additional request letter was drafted for inclusion with the property being mailed by Houghton PD on 3/17/16.

PROPERTY:

SEIZED BY: THOMAS RAJALA

Prop 0001 - Desc: INTERVIEW RECORDING Type: Evidence

Descrp: ONE (1) VERBATIM 700MB CD-R CONTAINING INTERVIEW RECORDING WITH ON 3/14/16.

Obtained From: 616 SHELDON AVE

Houghton MI

Houghton County At or Near: HOUGHTON CITY CENTRE

INTERVIEW WITH

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Tue, May 17, 2016

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HOMICIDE- ASSIST HOUGHTON PD (#15-002978)

JOURNAL:

03/21/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Final Autopsy Report received from Mayo Clinic- pends review/ documentation. Copy of Supp #2 and autopsy report forwarded to Houghton PD. Pends FBI Lab, CCU results, and further investigation.
03-22-16	Sgt. Revoyr	Supp 2 reviewed.
03/24/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact received from Dr. Morris-Kukoski. She received specimens shipped by HPD. She advised the hair will be examined and possibly the urine and blood. Copy of Sturzl's Aspirus Keweenaw records and Supp #2 provided for assistance/ timeline.
04/05/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Received email from : on 4/4/16 asking when he could get his computer back for tax filing purposes. He was advised a request was made to the CCU and to consider filing an extension.
04/06/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	

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04/07/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	S/D/Tpr. Nicole Hiserote (CCU) advised to hold computers until image and examinations are completed. She advised there are two Antec computers (1 with 2 harddrives, 1 with 4 harddrives) and two LIAN-LI computers (1 tower with 2 harddrives- 2 SSD and 1 with 1 harddrive- 2 SSD). She said many of the computers are set up as RAID, which requires additional work before examination. Met with HoPD ref. search warrant for
04/08/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Ofc. Kinnunen (HoPD) advised additional
04/08/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contacted and updated him on status of computer exams. Also, to help facilitate/ prioritize computer exams/ return, asked him which ones (mentioned in above 4/7/16 journal entry) were his. He advised it's been so long, he doesn't "trust his memory on those details. Doesn't want to make a mistake that anyone would interpret as a lie." Also mentioned, why prioritize if he doesn't get any computers back until all are completed.
04/11/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact with advised prioritizing would allow separate/ quicker returns. He advised he knows computers better by video card; the ones in use are the 980, 780Ti, and 8806T. The other work station would be from the attic. Copies of correspondence with will be added to narrative.
04/19/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Two additional letters to FBI Lab drafted and provided to Morris-Kukoski, Brewer, and HoPD. Copies of letters to be sent with additional property being submitted to FBI Lab by HoPD.
05/05/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact made with Morris-Kukoski. Testing is underway with hair sample.
05/13/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Received Dr. Jason Brewer's Chemistry Unit examination report (#2016-00502-5). An examination of the liquids submitted by HoPD

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Contacted by Morris-Kukoski. She advised examination is complete and results will be mailed to the Post and HoPD.

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JOURNAL:

05/17/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Supp #3 submitted. Meeting scheduled with HOPD on 5/18/16.
05-20-16	Sgt. Revoyr	Supp 3 reviewed.
05/23/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Met with Chief Donnelly regarding FBI Lab exam results to date. Pends further lab and CCU exams and interviews. Original exam results from Cynthia Morris-Kukoski received via mail; HoPD/ Kari also received results as well (Case ID No.: 95A-HQ-7058583-5,9, and 10).
06/14/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Discussed investigation with Chief Donnelly. Additional interviews scheduled. Janel' 's samples. Contact information provided for return contact.
06/14/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact made with Scheduled meeting with Chief Donnelly to view/ photo Janel's samples.
07/08/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order for Google, Inc. authorized, issued,

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		and served this date for email addresses associated with
07/19/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Received contact from . inquiring on status of computer exams. Advised him still being examined.
07/21/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Pends further assistance.
08/31/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Results of Google Search Warrant received/ downloaded to CD. Copy to Houghton PD. Pends review of records.
08/29/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Meeting at Houghton PD. Additional areas of investigation/ follow-up identified and assigned.
08/31/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Dr. Brewer (FBI Lab) advised he now has custody of vacuum/ cleaners shipped by Houghton PD.
09/08/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Investigation/ assistance continues. Review of Google results continue.
09/20/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Obtained results of Dr. Brewer's examination via US Mail. Houghton PD also notified of results. Results will be documented in a Supp/ exam results report to External Documents.
10/21/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Search Warrants for Google, Yahoo, and Microsoft authorized and issued this date. Pends issuance of Non-Disclosure Order prior to serving.
10/28/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Non-Disclosure Order issued this date by 98 th District Court Judge Wisti.
10/31/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Yahoo and Microsoft served search warrants and order.

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11/01/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Google served search warrant and order via Google LERS.
11/22/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Emailer results. and advised still awaiting computer examination

GOOGLE, INC. SEARCH WARRANTS:

On 07/08/16, I obtained a Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order to search Google, Inc from the 98th District Court for specified records related to the following accounts:

and usernames

, and

The

results of the Google, Inc. search were received and downloaded to disk on 8/31/16 and entered into property (Item #2 below). A copy was provided to Ofc. Kinnunen (H.P.D.).

FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATION:

On 08/31/16, Dr. Brewer (FBI Lab) advised he was now in custody of the vacuum and steam cleaner submitted by Houghton PD (8/16/16 submission date, attached).

On 09/20/16, I received the results of his examination via US Mail. He advised "

A copy of his report is attached.

ADDITIONAL SEARCH WARRANTS OBTAINED/ SERVED:

After review of the results from the 07/08/16 Google, Inc. search warrant, additional email addresses belonging to were identified.

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On 10/21/16 and 10/28/16, respectively, Search Warrants and Non-Disclosure Orders were obtained from the 98th District Court for Google, Inc, Yahoo! Inc., and Microsoft Corporation for specified data associated with the additional email addresses.

On 10/31/16, Yahoo! Inc and Microsoft Corporation were served the court orders for email addresses

On 11/01/16, Google, Inc. were served the court orders via the Google LERS for the following email addresses:

EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY:

SEIZED BY: THOMAS RAJALA

Prop 0002 - Desc: GOOGLE SEARCH WARRANT RESULTS Type: Evidence

Descrp: ONE (1) VERBATIM 700MB CD-R CONTAINING RESULTS OF 7/8/16 GOOGLE, INC SEARCH WARRANT.

Obtained From:

GOOGLE, INC (LERS)

EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS:

- Copy of Google, Inc Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order dated 7/8/16 and Return and Tabulation
- FBI Lab submission receipt, dated 8/16/16
- Dr. Brewer examination report #2016-00502-16 dated 9/2/16
- Copy of Google, Inc Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order dated 10/21/16 and 10/28/16
- Copy of Yahoo

Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order dated 10/21/16 and 10/28/16

- Copy of Microsoft Search Warrant and Non-Disclosure Order dated 10/21/16 and 10/28/16

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Mon, Nov 28, 2016

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HOMICIDE- ASSIST HOUGHTON PD (#15-002978)

JOURNAL:

11/28/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Results of second Google search warrant received from Google LERS, downloaded to CD, and entered into property (#3 below). Copy made for Houghton PD.
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EVIDENCE/ PROPERTY:

SEIZED BY: THOMAS RAJALA

Prop 0003 - Desc:

GOOGLE SEARCH WARRANT #2 RESULTS Type: Evidence

Descrp: ONE (1) VERBATIM 700MB CD-R CONTAINING GOOGLE, INC. SEARCH WARRANT #2
(10/21/16) RESULTS.

Obtained From:

GOOGLE- LERS.

STATUS:

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Tue, Feb 28, 2017

FILE CLASS:
09001

Murder/Nonnegligent Manslaughter (voluntary)

JOURNAL:

11/28/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Supp #4 and #5, along with External Documents and copies of Google SW results (CD's) prepared and delivered to Houghton PD/ Ofc. Kinnunen. Still awaiting Yahoo and Microsoft SW results.
11/29/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact with Lt. Nick Roberts (Houghton PD) regarding delivery of Google results.
11/29/16	Sgt. Revoyr	Supps 4 and 5 reviewed.
12/06/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Chief Donnelly advised the FBI should have some computer exam results completed near the end of the year. Email sent to D/Tpr. Hiserote for status of MSP computer exams.
12/12/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Location/ contact information of _____ provided to Chief Donnelly.
12/14/16	D/Sgt. Rajala	Pending further assistance/ investigation.
01/05/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Met with Chief Donnelly regarding CCU examinations/ no results yet: Another email sent to Tpr. Hiserote requesting status. Received notification from Google Payment Corp they received search warrant and are processing the order/ request.

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01/12/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Jonathan of Google Payment Corp advised a Non-Disclosure Order specifically addressed to them must be submitted. Efforts being made to obtain one.
01/13/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Obtained and served Non-Disclosure Order on Google Payment Corp this date.
01/27/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Emailed "USLawEnforcement@google" regarding served search warrants, results, and seeking additional information.
02/07/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Status remains the same- pending above and further investigation.
02/08/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Notice received from Microsoft of search warrant results. Pends receipt of password, being sent separately, to open documents.
02/15/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact with D/Sgt. Wes Smith (MSP- 7 th District CCU). His unit is examining the images completed by D/Tpr. Hiserote.
02/16/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contacted by D/Sgt. Wes Smith. He advised while one of the 7 th District CCU examiners were examining computers, was discovered on one. Contacted Houghton PD who will initiate a separate incident number. Houghton County PA Makinen contacted. The 7 th District CCU examiner will provide pertinent information for Houghton PD to obtain an additional search warrant to continue with a separate investigation/ examination. The Thallium examinations will continue.
02/21/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Microsoft results received. To be downloaded to disk and reviewed. Chief Donnelly updated.
02/24/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Microsoft results downloaded to disk (property item #4).

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02/28/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Property item #4 (Microsoft SW results) released to Chief Donnelly this date. AICS updated, property receipt to Master File.
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PROPERTY:

SEIZED BY: THOMAS RAJALA

Prop 0004 - Desc: MICROSOFT

SEARCH WARRANT RESULTS Type: Evidence

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MICROSOFT CORP.

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HOMICIDE- ASSIST HOUGHTON PD (#15-002978)

JOURNAL:

4/11/17	Sgt. Larson	Supp # 6 reviewed, pends further investigation.
04/11/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Obtained additional signed Authorization for Release of Janel Sturzl's medical records from Chief Donnelly. Faxed to Mayo Clinic and UP Health System- Mqt.
04/19/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Two (2) CD's containing Sturzl's medical records from Mayo Clinic received. Passwords for CD access being mailed separately.
04/20/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Passwords for CD's received.
05/01/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	UP Health System- Marquette records received via USPS.
05/02/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Contact with Chief Donnelly. Advised records have been received and will be turned over to Houghton PD.
05/15/17	D/Sgt. Rajala	Attempt to schedule investigative meeting for 5/18/17 at 11am. Chief Donnelly and D/Sgt. Bracket contacted.

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